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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Patent Office Communication mailed August 12, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

## In the Application:

Please insert new pages 1-10 enclosed herewith, which contains the Sequence Listing.